

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-34 are pending. Claims 8 and 18 are allowed. In view of the following, all of the claims are in condition for allowance. If, after considering this response, the Examiner does not agree that all of the claims are allowable, she is requested to schedule a teleconference with the Applicant's attorney to further the prosecution of the application.

Rejection of claims 1-2, 6-7, 20-23 and 29-31 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle et al. (US 6,108,151) in view of Moran et al. (US 6,738,205)

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/301,469, filed on June 28, 2001. Moran has a filing date of July 8, 2001, which is after the priority date of the present application. As a result, Moran is not prior art and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 3, 5, 9-17, 24-28 and 32-34 under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle and Moran, and further in view of Leis et al. (US 5,036,408)

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Rejection of claim 19 under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle and Moran, and further in view of Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760)

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, claims 1-3 and 5-34 are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

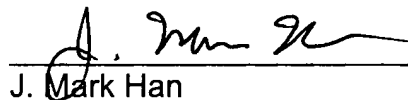
In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If, after considering this response, the Examiner does not agree that the referenced claims are allowable, then it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorney at (425) 455-5575.

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Respectfully submitted,

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